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Upland Habitats Certification Training Florida Master Naturalist Program

A program of the University of Florida/Inst. Of Food and Agricultural Sciences (UF/IFAS).
Sponsored by the Oxbow Eco-Center and the St. Lucie County Cooperative Extension Service.

What is it?

A certification program on Florida's ecosystems developed by the University of Florida that consists of three modules: Upland Habitats, Coastal Systems and Freshwater Wetlands. The Oxbow Eco-Center is presenting the Upland Habitats module, which consists of 40 hours of classroom, field trip and practical experience on the **ecology, vegetation types, wildlife and conservation issues of hardwood forests, pinelands, scrub, dry prairie, rangelands and urban green spaces**. The program also addresses society's role in uplands, develops naturalist interpretation skills and discusses environmental ethics.

What it entails:

- Program includes 40 hours of training, including 5 classroom sessions and 4 field trips.
- Upon completion, students will receive: certification as a "Florida Master Naturalist-Upland Habitats" by UF, a certificate of achievement, an embroidered FMNP patch and a FMNP Uplands lapel pin. Teachers can earn 40 CEUs upon completion.

Requirements:

- 40 contact hours and completion of individual or group final project.
- Cost: \$200; includes comprehensive student workbooks.

Where:

Oxbow Eco-Center: 5400 N.E. St. James Drive, Pt. St. Lucie, FL 34983
(772) 785-5833 * www.stlucieco.gov/erd/oxbow *

Program meeting dates & times:

Friday nights (6:00-8:30pm) on Jan 12, 19, 26, Feb 9; and
(6:00-10:00 pm) Feb 16 for final project presentation

Saturday field trips (9:00-3:30 pm) on Jan 13, 20, 27, Feb 10

To Register: Online at www.MasterNaturalist.org

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